

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

(Claims 1-86 have been cancelled)

1 ~~87~~. (Currently Amended) A memory card connectable to a master operating in a first communication protocol, comprising:

an interface for connection to the master for the transfer of data and commands between the host and the memory card;

a memory section for storing said data; and

an interface controller connected to the memory section and the interface, wherein the interface controller selects said first communication protocol from a plurality of protocols based solely on an ~~initial-reset~~ initialization command received from the master upon connection to the master.

2 ~~88~~. (Currently Amended) The memory card of claim ~~87~~ 1, wherein the interface comprises a plurality of connection pins and wherein said ~~initial-reset~~ initialization command comprises asserting a first signal level to a first connection pins when the host operates in the first protocol and not asserting said the first signal level to the first connection pins when the host does not operate in the first protocol.

3 ~~89~~. The memory card of claim ~~88~~ 2, wherein said asserting a first signal level is the assertion of a chip select signal and wherein the first protocol is a Serial Peripheral Interface protocol.

4 ~~90~~. The memory card of claim ~~88~~ 2, wherein the first protocol is a MultiMediaCard protocol.

5 ~~91~~. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a host ~~that operates~~ operating in a first communication protocol; and

a first card connectable to the host for transferring data and commands between the first card and the host, wherein based on signals from the host the first card selects the first protocol from a plurality of protocols in a way transparent to the host upon connection to the host.

692. (Currently Amended) ~~The A system of claim 91 comprising:~~

a host that operates in a first communication protocol; and

a first card connectable to the host for transferring data and commands between the first card and the host, wherein based on signals from the host the first card selects the first protocol from a plurality of protocols in a way transparent to the host, wherein the first card selects the first protocol in response to an initial-initialization signal from the host when the first card is connected to the host.

793. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 92, wherein the first card comprises an interface through which the data and commands are transferred, the interface comprising a pin, and wherein the ~~reset-initialization~~ signal comprises asserting a signal to said pin that is dependent upon said first protocol.

894. The system of claim 93, wherein said first protocol is a Serial Peripheral Interface protocol and said signal is a chip select signal.

995. The system of claim 93, wherein said first protocol is a MultiMediaCard protocol.

1096. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 91, further comprising:

a second card connectable to the host simultaneously with the first card for transferring data and commands between the second card and the host, wherein the second card selects the first protocol from a plurality of protocols in a way transparent to the host upon connection to the host.

1197. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

connecting a first memory card capable of communicating in a plurality of communication protocols to a first host operating in a first of said plurality of communication protocols;

in response to said connecting the first memory card to the first host, transmitting a ~~reset~~an initialization command from the first host to the first card;

receiving the ~~reset~~initialization command in the first card; and

the first memory card selecting the first communication protocol for the transfer of data and commands between the first host and the first memory card based solely on the ~~reset~~initialization command.

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~~1298~~ (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~97~~¹¹, wherein said ~~reset~~initialization command comprises asserting a chip select signal.

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~~1300~~ The method of claim ~~98~~¹², wherein the first card subsequently remains in said first protocol when the chip select signal is de-asserted.

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~~100~~ The method of claim ~~98~~¹², wherein the first communication protocol is a Serial Peripheral Interface protocol.

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~~101~~ The method of claim ~~97~~¹¹, wherein the first communication protocol is a MultiMediaCard protocol.

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~~102~~ (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~97~~¹¹, further comprising:
transferring first data from the first host to the first memory card using the first communication protocol;

disconnecting the first memory card from the first host;

connecting the first memory card to a second host operating in a second of said plurality of communication protocols;

in response to said connecting the first memory card to the second host, transmitting a ~~reset~~an initialization command from the second host to the first card;

receiving the ~~reset~~initialization command from the second host in the first card;

the first memory card selecting the second communication protocol for the transfer of data and commands between the second host and the first memory card based solely on the ~~reset~~-initialization command from the second host; and

transferring the first data from the first memory card to the second host using the second communication protocol.

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103.(Currently Amended) The method of claim ¹¹97, further comprising:

connecting a second memory card capable of communicating in the plurality of communication protocols to the first host while the first memory card is also attached to the first host;

in response to said connecting the second memory card to the first host, transmitting a ~~reset~~-an initialization command from the first host to the second card;

receiving the ~~reset~~-initialization command in the second card; and

the second memory card selecting the first communication protocol for the transfer of data and commands between the first host and the second memory card based solely on the ~~reset~~-initialization command.

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104.(New) A method comprising:

connecting a memory card capable of communicating in a plurality of communication protocols to a host that can operate in at least one of said plurality of communication protocols for the transfer of data and commands between the host and the memory card;

in response to said connecting the first memory card to the first host, transmitting a first initialization command from the host to the card;

receiving the first initialization command in the card;

the card selecting the communication protocol in which the host is operating at the time of said transmitting the first initialization command based solely on the first initialization command;

during the continued operation of the host, subsequently transmitting a second initialization command from the host to the card;

receiving the second initialization command in the card; and

the card selecting the communication protocol in which the host is operating at the time of said transmitting the second initialization command based solely on the second initialization command.

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~~105~~.(New) The memory card of claim ~~104~~¹⁸, wherein said plurality of communication protocols includes at least a first and a second protocol, wherein the card is connected to the host by an interface comprising a plurality of connection pins, wherein said initialization commands comprises the simultaneous assertion of signal levels on the connection pins, and wherein the signals levels of the initialization of the first protocol differ from the signal levels of the initialization signal of the second protocol.

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~~106~~.(New) The memory card of claim ~~104~~¹⁸, wherein said plurality of communication protocols include a Serial Peripheral Interface protocol.

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~~107~~.(New) The memory card of claim ~~104~~¹⁸, wherein said plurality of communication protocols include a MultiMediaCard protocol.